

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the positioning device comprises a pneumatic pressure system.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the positioning device comprises a hydraulic pressure system.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-7 and entered new claims 10-20.

Claims 10-20 are directed to an apparatus that has novel cooling roll end portions to further facilitate use of laser beams to measure gap distances. End portions are provided, either integral with the cooling rolls or affixed thereto, which have diameters smaller than that of the cooling rolls to facilitate using a laser beam to measure the distance between adjacent rolls. Support for claims 10-20 is found on pages 8 and 9 of the Specification (most importantly page 8, last 4 lines through page 9, line 4), and FIGURES 5 and 6. The subject matter of these new claims was neither claimed nor disclosed in the parent application (Serial No.09/422,483, now Patent 6,406,285). Accordingly, there is no obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the double patenting rejection based on the amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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